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SUBJ: RAJ SABHA TO MEET JANUARY 23

1. THE KING HAS ISSUED A NOTICE CALLING A MEETING OF THE RAJ SABHA (COUNCIL OF STATE) JANUARY 23, THE SECOND TIME THAT BODY HAS MET SINCE IT WAS FORMED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF 1962. AT THE SAME TIME THE KING HAS APPOINTED PRINCE GYANENDRA, PRINCESS KOMAL, PRINCE DHIRENDRA, PRINCESS PREKSHYA AND PRINCESS HELEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL BODY EMPOWERED TO DECLARE A REGENCY IN THE EVENT OF THE KING'S DEATH, DISABILITY OR ABDICATION. THE KING MAY ALSO 'SEEK THE COUNCIL'S ADVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.' MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL IS UNLIMITED, BUT WE BELIEVE THERE ARE CURRENTLY 89 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE KING. IT IS A DIVERSE BODY WHICH INCLUDES MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, POETS, ARTISTS AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS. ALTHOUGH A STANDING COMMITTEE OF RAJ SABHA HAS MET ANNUALLY, FULL COUNCIL HAS BEEN CALLED INTO SESSION ONLY ONCE BEFORE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF KING MAHENDRA TO AFFIRM

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BIRENDRA'S SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHY KING DECIDED TO CALL A MEETING, BUT WILL REPORT WHATEVER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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